(d) The reasons for delay in punishing the guilty officers are- examination of bulky and voluminous documents; examination of large number of witnesses; witnesses turning hostile, due to the passage of time crucial evidence get destroyed.

Stopping recruitment to CCS

1653. SHRI EKANATH K.THAKUR: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre is likely to stop direct recruitment to the Central Secretariat Services (CCS), in line with the recommendations of a high level Committee;

(b) if so, whether this move is expected to give a push, to the downsizing of Government staff at the middle level; and

(c) whether this move of Government would benefit the junior employees of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND. PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Government has decided to stop direct recruitment in the grade of Section Officer (SO) of Central Secretariat Service (CSS).

(b) This decision is part of the restructuring exercise of the CSS and will rationalize recruitment in the grade of SO.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Committee for improving the efficiency of officials of Administrative services

†1654. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee has been constituted by Government for improving the efficiency of the officials of Administrative Services;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the said Committee;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.